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Mr Pat Patterson
3705 Briley St.
Houston Texas

Dear Mr Patterson:

I wrote you March 26th, (10 days ago), and had expected an answer by now. You know by now, we want you on the ballclub. It is not a case where you were given to us, we asked The Stars for you, and are giving them two good men in return. This means we want you very much.

I am sure with your background, and the things I have heard about you, you are an intelligent gentleman. I am sure you must realize when a team goes to all this trouble to get a man they must want him very much. Now understand me, we can make out without you, but we should look much better with you.

We have invested a great deal in Negro baseball, and are of the opinion this year it may come into it's own. There is a chance the White Major Leagues may take our boys, and I believe everyone will benefit. The first thing is to have a good ballclub. We have a chance to win the pennant this year, in fact run away with it. We think you will be able to help us. You may like to know who is going to be on the team with you. In the outfield we have Monty Irvin, Robert Harvey, Johnnie Davis, and Charles Wilkes a rookie. On the pitching staff Leon Day, Maxwell Manning, Leniel Hooker, Warren Peace, three rookies you do not know, and the catching is very strong with Mackey as Manager, Parks and Ruffin. In offering you a chance to play with us, we hope to strengthen the team plus giving you an opportunity to play with the "Champs". I forgot to mention the infield Pearson, Doby, Watkins, Isreal and you. If you have decided you have other plans, please give me the courtesy of an answer as I must make my plans complete.

Very Truly Yours